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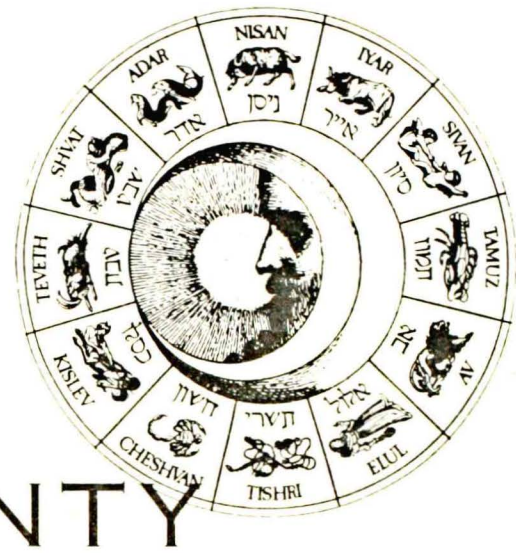


geography

Best Viewpoints

Nothing beats the view from the Mount Helix Amphitheater, especially on a clear winter night. The more adventurous should try Victoria Road in Alpine, by Queen of Angels Catholic Church. On a clear day you see the ocean.

Best Thrift Stores

Salvation Army in Casa de Oro not only has a great selection, but items are dated and are routinely marked down 50 percent after a certain shelf time. They also allow exchanges if something doesn't fit. Purple Heart Veterans in Santee is great, too. Somebody actually takes the time to color coordinate the clothing displays.

Best Place to Go To An ATM Unarmed

Santee. According to SANDAG crimes statistics, Santee experiences the lowest rate of violent crimes per 1,000 population. These rates are calculated as the number of crimes reported, divided by the population, divided again by 1,000. The population figure is based upon permanent residents. The ranking goes as follows:

Community	Violent crime rate	Property crime rate
Santee	2.1	18.5
Lakeside	3.1	17.1
La Mesa	3.8	38.7
Spring Valley	6.0	24.7
Lemon Grove	6.9	30.0
El Cajon	8.1	41.3

Best Alien Landing Pad

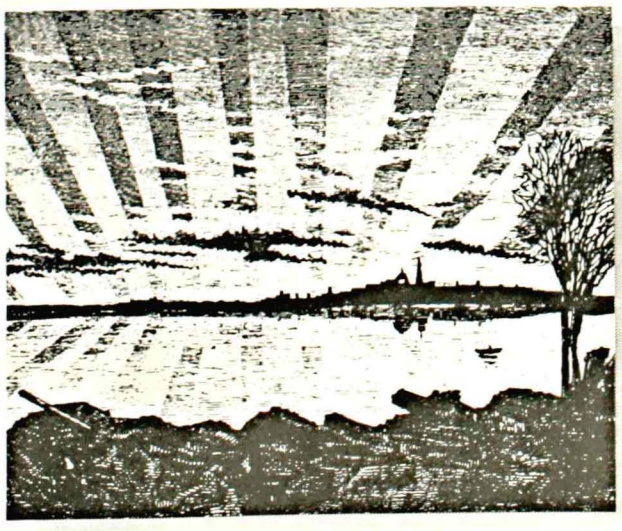
Fanita Road

Best Place to Pick Up Aliens for Yardwork

Abandoned Home Depot west of 70th Street on University Avenue.

Furthest Commute for an Elected Official

To attend Grossmont Union High School Governing Board meetings, Trustee Maynard Olsen travels to and from Orem, Utah, a 1,446-mile round trip.



Best Acoustics In A Confessional

Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Lakeside has double-door confessionals most suitable for overhearing neighboring booths.

Best Rock

The lipsticked lips at the Lemon Grove Avenue exit north of Hwy 94 in Lemon Grove. Where else can you get a kiss just driving past something?

food

Best Breakfast Places

Jane's Country Kitchen in Lemon Grove is the place to close those pesky arteries down for good, complete with a velvet Elvis atmosphere. Gloria's in Spring Valley is the snazziest place this side of Venice Beach. If you can wait until 10 a.m., catch the breakfast burrito at Casa Picante in Santee. Includes spinach and they don't overdo the cheese.

Best Hamburger

A tie between Beef & Bun in Fletcher Hills and Charley's Kabobs, a Greek/American restaurant on Broadway in Lemon Grove.

Best Taco Stand

El Cotixan #3 at Johnson Avenue and El Cajon Boulevard has the best rolled tacos north of Chula Vista. You can also order beer and the street people are friendly. Honorable mention goes to the Alberto's on Mission Gorge Road.

Best Barbecue

A small shop in El Cajon houses Julian's, one of the best since Kooter's left the area. However, beware. Julian is quite moody at times (we've *never* seen him smile). It's like ordering dinner from Sonny Liston the day after he lost the title to Cassius Clay.

Best Steak

Pinnacle Peak and the Rodeo Bar & Grill have nice quality meat, but both are a bit pricey, as is the two-pound prime rib at the Claim Jumper.

Best Free Food

The best place for free bites is CostCo, with locations in La Mesa and Santee Town Center. Finger foods include everything from ToastBuddies, a new-fangled food item of cheese and bread ready for the toaster, to fried halibut, to the latest, greatest juice mix to quench your thirst. If a little nibble won't do, putter on over to Drew Ford to ponder the purchase of a double-cabin truck. While you decide over which Ford Ranger you want, dine on the ham and cheese, or turkey and cheese, or just plain cream cheese on bagels waiting for you on the bed of a grand ol' Ford pickup.

Best Place to Gain Weight

No doubt about it, it's the Claim Jumper located in Grossmont Center. Portions are so big, even a fat guy like Greg Eichelberger can't finish them in one sitting. Second place goes to Tyler's Taste Of Texas.

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Families and seniors invited to open houses at YMCA

The Davis/Grossmont Family YMCA is the place to be for families who want to strengthen their bodies, minds and spirits. To help families commit to their New Year's resolutions, the YMCA in La Mesa will be hosting its annual open house and wellness fair which will focus on families. The free wellness fair will be held from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Jan. 24. Those who join the YMCA at the wellness fair will save half off the membership joining fee – a savings of up to $38 ($25 saving for seniors).

Children and adults will benefit from information from the Children's 10 Mobile, hearing tests, immunization information, dental screenings, nutrition information, the San Miguel Fire Trailer featuring fire safety information and an 11 a.m. demonstration by San Diego County Sheriff's dogs and their handlers.

The YMCA will also be offering selected free aerobic fitness classes, yoga classes, lap swimming, water exercise and weight training beginning Monday, and culminating on Jan. 24 at the wellness fair. Free babysitting will also be offered during some of the trial classes.

The YMCA in La Mesa is the ideal place for seniors to make their New Year's resolutions a reality. Specialized programming for seniors is held on a year-round basis in the areas of aerobic fitness, weight training and aquatic exercise.

A free senior wellness day is set for Jan. 16 from 8 a.m. - noon. For seniors, the wellness day will include a complimentary continental breakfast, a speaker on osteoporosis and a wellness fair which will provide stroke screening, blood pressure checks, glucose screenings, nutrition information and more.

Each week the Davis/Grossmont Family YMCA offers eight specialized senior aerobics classes called "Stretch and Tone." These classes emphasize flexibility, relaxation, muscular strength and conditioning exercises and a light cardio-vascular component. Hour long classes are offered Monday through Friday mornings. The YMCA also offers Yoga classes which are held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings and Wednesday evenings.

Water exercise in the YMCA's heated, outdoor swimming pool is one of the most popular senior activities at the Davis/Grossmont Family YMCA. Water exercise helps maintain flexibility, increase muscular strength and strengthen the cardio-vascular system, but is easy on the joints and connective tissues. Water exercise is held at various times, Monday through Saturday.

The Davis/Grossmont Family YMCA offers reduced membership rates for seniors. The YMCA is located just off the 125 Freeway at 8881 Dallas St. in La Mesa. For more information these special offers, call 464-1323. Don't miss the free senior wellness day on Jan. 16.

New tax laws await most Californians this tax season

The Franchise Tax Board FTB has tax forms, the answers to the most frequently asked tax questions, legal rulings, news releases and other information on the Internet. Visit FTB's home page at: http://www.ftb.ca.gov

New tax provisions for California include:

• California conformed to the new homeowner capital gains provisions that exclude capital gains from home sales taking place after May 6, 1997, of up to $500,000 for married couples.

• Non-working spouses can now deduct up to $2,000 a year for Individual Retirement Accounts.

• California passed the Taxpayers Bill of Rights II. FTB now assumes the burden of proof to justify its position when considering awarding appeal and litigation costs.

Starting in 1998, the dependent credit increases from $68 to $120 and in 1999 increases to $222.

Taxpayers who are experiencing a financial hardship and cannot pay their taxes in full can generally apply for an installment payment agreement, using FTB 3567, Installment Agreement Request. Download the form from the Internet or order it by calling FTB at 1-800-338-0505.

We remind taxpayers that penalties and interest still accrue on past due amounts even if a taxpayer is making installment payments. There is no provision in the law that allows us to forgive those amounts.

WEATHER

The following information was provided by the National Weather Service.

		High	Low
Dec.	29	74	43
Dec.	30	81	49
Dec.	31	81	53
Jan.	1	76	48
Jan.	2	66	49
Jan.	3	63	54
Jan.	4	64	50

Precipitation

Jan.	2	0.11"
Jan.	3	0.06"
Jan.	4	0.47"

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Lemon Twist

by Cheryl Cohen

I have seen the future and it could be very comforting to the coughing contingent of carcinogenists who may be having a difficult time coping with the new smoking ban – breast-feeding in public. There, there. Feel better now?

Speaking of the future, there may be a place in it for you! Underfoot, even. The Lemon Grove Historical Society has really been pushing the sales of those personalized bricks for the Angel's Walk in support of their Renaissance Fund. I've come up with a few ideas for those who want more than a simple inscription with their names: How 'bout "I see London, I see France" —, or more to the point: "Hey, nice underwear!"? "Stepped on the scales lately, Bub"? "Here lies the mayoral campaign for **Craig Lake**" or my own personal favorite, "Don't tread on me – Ouch! Stop!" Whatever you decide for an inscription, reserve your brick soon.

Maybe you'll be part of the future of the Lemon Grove Chamber of Commerce. They've added over 74 new members this past administrative year, and have implemented many new programs. President **Vaughn Jacobs** is trolling for new blood – Chamber members who would like to serve on the board of directors. Call him or **Mary** "Boom-Boom" **England** today at 469-9621, to get a Nomination Application. Nominations will also be taken from the floor at the meeting on Jan 28, which is where I hear everyone ends up after the meetings anyway.

Hey, San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) is really into the future. In fact, they're hosting something called "2020 Regionwide Forecast," where they say they'll demonstrate the San Diego region's projected growth into the year 2020! I dunno about you, but I'm certainly wowed. Anything with a growth that large can really make an impression. Catch the spectacle yourself on Jan. 14, 7 p.m., at the Lemon Grove Middle School Auditorium. For more information, call SANDAG at 595-5300, or Lemon Grove City Hall at 464-6934.

Okay, so our usual "People to watch" issue turned into something a bit different "The Best of East County" – and, it's just as well. I only have one prediction for the new year:

Councilman **Dwight Shelley** will say "just one more thing" – again.

Live long and prosper! Send us your 1998 events, press releases and story ideas to The Review, or directly to me at 264-3153 (msg.), 264-4180 (fax), or email me at cirious@cts.com . You know there's a future in it!

Community Notes

Storytime scheduled for Lemon Grove library

The San Diego County Library has announced the schedule for the storytime program at the Lemon Grove Branch.

Storytime will take place from 10:30 - 11 a.m. on Tuesdays at the library, 8073 Broadway. For further information call 463-9819.

Applicants needed for Grand Jury

More individuals from all supervisorial districts need to send in their applications for the 1998-1999 Grand Jury to expand the nomination pool, said Kenneth E. Martone, Superior Court Executive Office.

"Individuals of all ages, ethnic origin and socio-economic groups, who like to exercise their investigative talents, are what make it possible for the Grand Jury to carry out its watchdog function," Martone said. Candidates with interviewing, fact-finding and report writing skills are especially qualified to review citizen complaints, Martone noted.

Applications are available by telephone at 685-6667, at Superior Court business offices in the regional courthouses and the Hall of Justice downtown and from the Superior Court website at www.sandiego.courts.ca.gov/superior/grandjury/gjinfo.html

Completed applicants must be returned to the court by Jan. 16 to be included in the nomination pool. Municipal and Superior Court judges may each nominate up to three candidates for the random drawing held in June.

Applicants must have lived in the county at least since June 1, 1997 and be able to serve four or five days per week during the fiscal year from July 1, 1998 through June 30, 1999. Payment is $25 per day plus mileage.

To qualify, applicants must be U.S. citizens at least 18 years old with ordinary intelligence, sound judgment, good character and a knowledge of the English language. Those who are not eligible to serve include elected officials, current trial jurors and those who have served on a California Grand Jury within a year of the selection date. Persons convicted of a felony, malfeasance in office or any other high crime are also ineligible.

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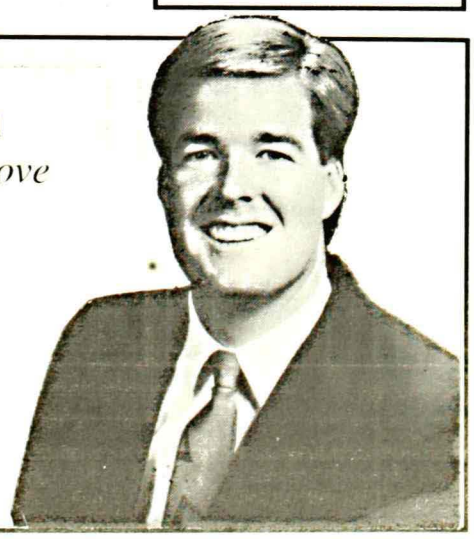

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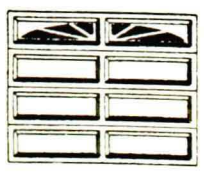

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PG Perspectives

by Phillip Giannangeli

Three dot writing

I've never done this before so I'm a little apprehensive about it. I've thought about it for a long time though, but until now, I never quite had the nerve to give it a go. But what the heck. It's a new year and people should be able to try new things, don't you think? So here's my first ever attempt at three dot writing...

I recently saw two movies with film legends Jack Nicholson and Woody Allen in them. Neither played sympathetic characters but both films (As Good As It Gets and Deconstructing Harry) were funny. Heard the F-word more times than I did in basic training. But unlike basic training in the military, it was used more by females than by the males in these films. No big deal these days I guess.

Funny, one of the movies was rated PG13 and the other R. I guess how you link the F word up to other words has to do with how ratings are assigned. Allen's movie had the most creative linkage and was the one rated R. Woody may have written the words, but boy did those women know what to do with them on third down and long. And on the subject of football.

I like the game; I really do. But I'm afraid to say anything about the Super Bowl because the NFL might accuse me of violating their licensing restrictions. As a matter of fact, I may have over stepped my bounds just by using the words Super and Bowl in the same sentence. I think the NFL has those words, and any derivatives of them, under copyright protection. If so, I want to direct the NFL legal team to Ms. Kirstie Alley's (one of Woody's female costars who has a real talent for F word linkage) office for my sentiments on the matter. In the meantime...

East County really gets cold this time of the year. So cold that being colder than a certain part of a witch's anatomy doesn't even begin to tell the story...

I wonder what kind of a party it would be if the guest list included Bill Clinton, Frank Gifford, Newt Gingrich, Woody Allen, Dick Morris, and Marv Albert. You think Bob Packwood would be invited? I wonder who'd be hired for entertainment...

Anybody know what's happened to Joe DiMaggio? Haven't seen Mrs. Robinson much either lately...

Now that the San Diego City Council has decided, unanimously, that they can and should use the private box at the stadium for their own personal enjoyment, why not give them free use of Sea World, the Zoo, and all handicap parking in the city too? After all, they are the leaders of America's finest city and I'm sure they'd be happy to point out how hard their jobs are and how underpaid they are. I wonder how they got stuck with such a lousy way of making a living.

Three dot writing is so cool. I see why it's popular. I don't have to have topics that expand to seven or eight hundred words and I don't have to tie the whole piece together at the end. That's always been a big problem, but not with three dot writing...

I have this file with two and three sentence beginnings for columns that just wouldn't go anywhere before. Now they'll have a place to go. Let's see, I know I have something on Martha Stewart-in a very elegant folder I might add. I wonder if she's ever thought of Reconstructing Woody...

Reel Ratings: January Family Movie Guide

by Betty Jo Tucker

The rating system of the Motion Picture Association of America does not seem to be explicit enough for those parents who prefer more information concerning a film's content in the areas of strong language, explicit sex scenes, and gratuitous violence. In response, Forum Publications publishes a monthly list of new movie releases along with ratings in these areas. Listed below are the "Reel Rating" symbols used in Forum's family guidelines. (A film may have more than one rating.)

G - film rates as general family entertainment.
L - The film contains strong language.
V - film contains violent scenes.
S - The film contains sexual situations.
Q - film contains questionable lessons about human behavior.

These ratings are not intended as judgments of artistic excellence or as attempts at censorship. A "G" rating does not mean the film is highly entertaining, just that it is suitable for family viewing if parents object to the other elements rated. Conversely, a "V," "S," "L," or "Q" does not indicate that the particular film is not a good movie. (One of my favorite films, "Fargo," would earn a VSL rating.)

Reel Ratings: Family Movie Guidelines for January 1998:

Movie	MPAA Rating	Reel Rating
Afterglow	(R)	SL
Amistad	(R)	V (plus nudity)
An American Werewolf in Paris	(R)	VSL (Plus nudity)
As Good As It Gets	(PG-13)	VSL
Beaumarchais	(R)	SL (plus nudity)
Deconstructing Harry	(R)	SLQ (trivializes adultery)
Fallen	(R)	VL
For Richer or Poorer	(R)	VL
Good Will Hunting	(R)	VL
Hard Rain	(R)	VL
Jackie Brown	(R)	VSLQ (criminal cons police)
Kundun	(PG-13)	V
Mouse Hunt	(PG)	L (plus slapstick violence)
Mr. Magoo	(PG)	G (includes slapstick violence)
Scream 2	(R)	VL
Star Kid	(PG)	VL
Titanic	(PG-13)	VL (plus nudity)
Tomorrow Never Dies	(PG-13)	V
The Boxer	(R)	VL
The Postman	(R)	VSL
The Sweet Hereafter	(R)	VSL
The Tango Lesson	(PG)	G
The Winter Guest	(R)	SL (plus nudity)
Wag the Dog	(R)	VLQ (dishonesty prevails)
Welcome to Sarajevo	(R)	VL

Got an opinion? Send it in a letter to the editor!
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THE BRIGHTER VIEW

Breaking routine

by Steven Saint

I met Jerry Seinfeld once and it was good. He was doing the stand-up circuit in Los Angeles and I was employed by his talent agency. A couple of us from the agency went down to this dingy comedy club in Huntington Beach and hung out with Jerry in the green room.

It was 1983. He was one of many comics we represented, the guys in our end of the hall booking him on Carson and in college venues. We also had a comic-magician named Harry Anderson and a guy named Paul Reubens, who had just concocted a mock-kiddie show host persona named "Pee Wee Herman."

Jerry was terrific. He didn't have an attitude, and his show was clean and quirky enough to make me laugh. He did this bit about the socks in your washing machine trying to escape by hanging onto a sweater while you throw them into the dryer.

A few years later, the guys at the other end of the hall landed Jerry a sitcom pilot, and the rest is television legend. Eight seasons and millions of dollars later, Jerry Seinfeld is calling it quits.

Nobody gets it. "Seinfeld" is at the peak of its popularity, raking in some $200 million in advertising revenues a season. Jerry gets a million bucks an episode and his supporting cast more than half a million a show. It is rumored that, upon hearing the news, NBC execs offered Jerry $5 million an episode to continue the series.

Other shows are jockeying for time slots and more money as NBC moves to fill the Thursday night void. Even though the commercial time for the next 10 episodes of "Seinfeld" have already been sold (the going rate is $300,000 for a 30-second spot), NBC will re-negotiate and raise their rates, especially for May's series finale.

Well, maybe I get it. I don't know Jerry Seinfeld and can't second guess him, but if first impressions mean anything, I'd say he just knows when to move on.

He's made more money than any normal person will ever be able to spend, so he doesn't have to do his sitcom for money. None of the "Seinfeld" cast will ever have to work again.

So, maybe it's love. Maybe it's meaningful work. Maybe Jerry wants to do something else after eight years. Maybe it's just good to break routine. "Seinfeld" was a hit precisely because it was *not* like every other sitcom on TV.

I think it's good to break routine. Drive a different route. Get a different haircut. Order something you've never heard of at a restaurant you've never been to before. Go to a different church. Move to another country and use an alias.

Routine is mental shorthand. Habits let you live without thinking. A whole decade can whiz by before you see what rut you've been walking in. Seinfeld told one interviewer he missed the 1990s completely because he was busy with his show.

Maybe it's easy for Jerry Seinfeld to walk away from routine because he'll make more money in 10 minutes of syndication residuals than most of us will make in a year. He doesn't have to worry about the job market — they'll gladly let him come back and have his old job.

Then again, maybe it's not easy. Look at everyone trying to buy him and persuade him and get close to him. He'll have to go back quite a ways to find people who hung out with him in a dingy comedy club because they believed he might be a star one day.

I hope that we, the people of eastern San Diego County, might be able to break old habits and ditch ingrained routines in the coming year. The ego trips need to end. We need to abandon incivility and disrespect. Sacred ideologies and political agenda need to be shoved off their pedestals. The gnawing in our bellies for a bigger slice of the material world needs to be unmasked as an ulcer, not true hunger.

I'm optimistic. Yada, yada, yada and Happy New Year!

food

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Best Fast Food Playground

Carl's Junior, Lemon Grove, has a large playplace combined with a design for maximum safety. It allows safe passage for the children (the McDonald's on Lake Murray Blvd. lost points since children and parents have to cross traffic to get from the restaurant to the playground, and the steps along the bridge passage cost the Santee Burger King safety points). Parents can maintain surveillance while obtaining drink refills (eliminating most McDonald's restaurants, which refill at the sales counter). Restroom turn-around is quick (the biggest Burger King drawback).

[leisure & entertainment]

Best Parks

Mission Trails Regional Park is considered the largest urban park in the U.S. It's 5,800-odd acres include Cowles Mountain, Lake Murray and the Old Mission Dam. For the less adventurous, El Monte Park in Lakeside combines trees and a view of mountains from all sides (along with the ability to hike up one), with canopied picnic areas and minimal traffic flow past the park. La Mesita in La Mesa is big, with playground equipment, grassy fields, tennis courts and a concrete soccer/hockey court. Most of the park can be seen from the parking lot on the eastern ridge.

Best Karaoke

Annie Oakley's. Bob Nicewander and Mary Mraz don't have the best selection of songs in East County, but that is only one consideration. The list is sufficient if you're not heavily into Country and Western. The rotation tends to be 30 to 40 minutes, allowing singers the opportunity to partake in their share of songs without waiting around too long. The restaurant atmosphere makes the spectators' time a pleasant one.

Best Place To Look At Women But Not Be Allowed To Touch Them

Little Darlings in Lemon Grove

Best Bar

Dirk's Horseshoe Lounge. Where else ya gonna get a bartender named Ivo?

Best Golf Course

The longest course with the most interesting and difficult holes is the Willow Glen course at Singing Hills. Check out the 4th hole: you hit from above down to grass fronting a lake, and then have to drive 130-150 feet over the lake to the green. In addition, the course is always kept in excellent shape.

Best High School Stadium

Monte Vista has concrete bleachers on both sides with ground-level and top-level access. The north-south field doesn't give one team an advantage due to not facing west at sundown. Easy access from the main road makes Monte Vista's stadium ideal for high school football, soccer and track.

Best Free Alternative to a Health Club

Climbing the 246 steps up and down La Mesa's Mount Nebo. The stairway leads up the west side from Canterbury and Windsor drives to Summit Drive. On the eastern face, a 185-step stairway leads up to the top from Beverly Drive. Kiss your $1,200 Stairmaster good-bye!

Best Rocky Horror Picture Show Imitation

Lemon Grove City Council meetings. Props brought by dissident audience members include bags of fertilizer, photos, recall signs, toilet paper and flashlights. They hail the council with the Bronx cheer, filibuster-

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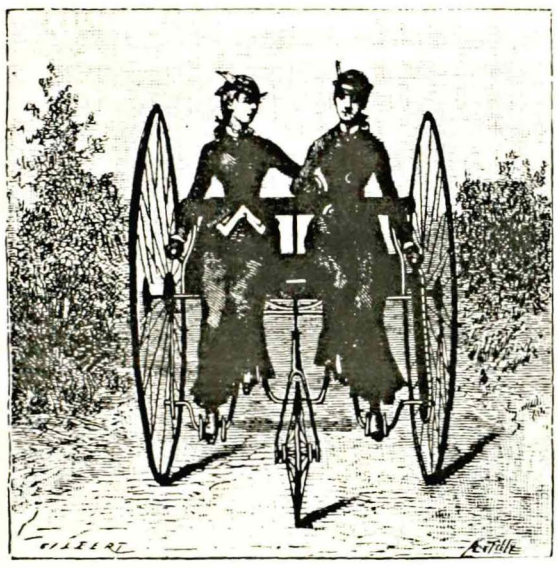

Most Stringent Traffic Enforcement

Several graduates of local traffic schools nominate Santee. The issuing of a citation for stopping six inches over the limit line on Carlton Hills is one of many complaints about a certain patrol officer who gives Santee this dubious honor.

Best Route to Charge a Battery

Greenfield Drive South of I-8. When the purpose of a drive is to run your car's battery for 30 minutes, Greenfield Drive provides minimal stops and good loop paths. A trip up La Cresta to go through Crest, along with a drive through Shadow Mountain south of Christian Heritage College at Madison, should be pleasant enough to make you forget the anguish of having to jump-start your battery.

Best Place to Find a Traffic Jam

No matter what you do or how fast or slow you drive, you will always get caught at just about every light on Mission Gorge in Santee. It's inevitable.

Best On-Ramp To Blow Out Your Carburetor

Grossmont Drive heading onto state Route 125 south. If you survive the uphill merge with flying semis hot on your tail, you're looking at the slow end of a line of cars trying to get off at the Spring Street exit. Good place to practice your Luke Skywalker imitation.

"His dream ... My dream"

KingFest East County 1998

Sunday, January 18
6:30 - 9 p.m.
La Mesa Community Center
4975 Memorial Drive

Join us for a tribute to Dr. King's vision of equality and freedom. The evening will include performances by the Helix High School Bagpipes, Good Shepherd AME Choir, Jean's Dance Studio, Damon York, Karel Spikes & Anasa, and St. Stephen's Youth Choir

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Rep. Duncan Hunter. He never faces any serious contenders in the elections, yet manages to raise tens of thousands of dollars every year. He receives very little money from constituents, yet has overflowing campaign coffers. In the first six months of 1997, he raised around $143,000 and spent $108,000 — and it wasn't even an election year! The faithful few (12) East County residents who made contributions during those six months include Henry Boney ($250), Bob McClellan ($250), Joe Drew ($250) and Lorraine Buck ($250).

Most Accessible Politician

Besides holding her own occasional "coffees with constituents" and attending practically every civic function in East County, Supervisor Dianne Jacob has given members of the press her direct work line and home phone number. Apparently, she doesn't want "could not be reached for comment" to ever follow her name. El Cajon City Councilman Bob McClellan gets an honorable mention. If you call his car dealership, they'll put you through to him without even asking who you are.

Celebrity Sporting Event Most Likely to Raise Funds for Character Curriculum

It's a toss up between a boxing match featuring college board trustees Rick Alexander and Timothy Caruthers and a bird-flipping contest between high school board trustees Kevin LaChapelle and Michael Harrelson.

Most Gruntled Postal Worker

If disgruntled postal workers are always on shooting sprees, are happy, well-adjusted postal workers considered "gruntled?" If so, we nominate Bernie at the La Mesa Post Office. He gives the cliche, "public servant," real meaning. Unlike the average bureaucrat, Bernie actually helps you get your business accomplished.

Best Places to Pick Up Someone Special While Jogging

Lake Murray, Santee Lakes. The beautiful people can be found daily between 5 p.m. and sundown.

Best Pick-up Line Actually Overheard to Ensure You Jog Alone

"I eat a lot of meat. You want to go out?"

Best Place to *Not* Meet Anybody

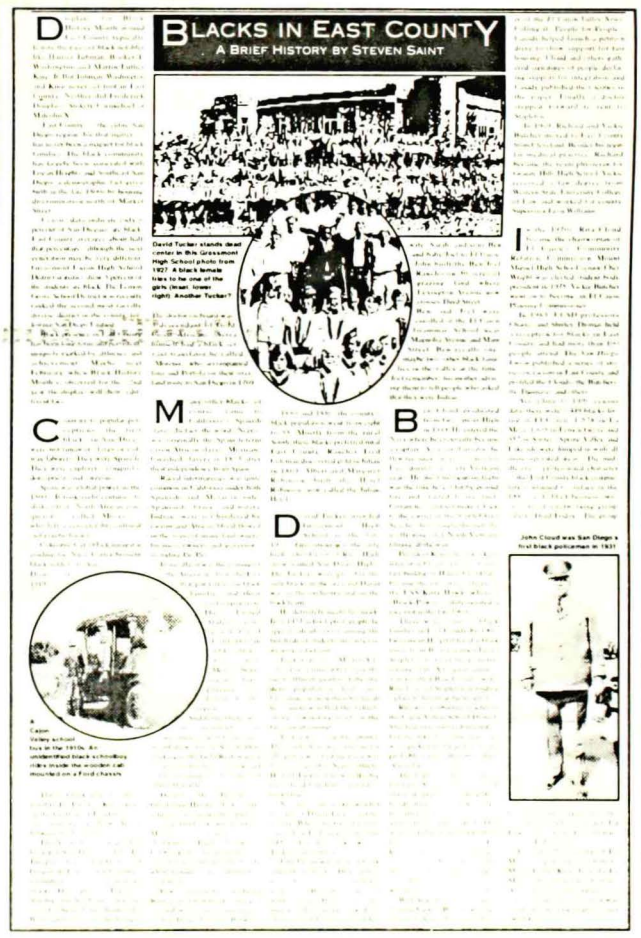
You can watch first-run movies opening weekend at the Mann 9 Theaters in Marketplace At The Grove and see no other human being besides the popcorn girl.

Best Readers

You. There's nothing like being stopped in the grocery store to be told about a citizen who deserves special recognition for something they've done, or to be hipped to a story in the making, or just to be waved to. You're the best in East County, and we love writing about you all.

Cheryl Cohen, Greg Eichelberger, Joe Naiman, Cynthia & Mike O'Neill, Steven Saint, Mistie Shaw, Ninette Sosa, Trudy Thomas and Norrie West contributed to this report.

History Lives!



Last year, Forum Publications initiated its "Living History Series," an attempt to publish ongoing research into the history of East County. One example was "Blacks in East County," published last February in honor of national Black History Month.

We'd like to continue our investigation into East County's Black community by calling for history papers from our readers. You may be a historical society president, college professor or a middle school student — if you love history and want to do some digging, let us know. To receive your Living Black History instruction packet, call us at 460-0101 and leave your name, address and phone number. The deadline for submissions will be Feb. 13.

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B Words

by Bob Burns

Let's stand firm in opposing gambling

The new year brings promise, and for the most part it looks good, but one item in the news pertains to "new laws." There are umpteen of them regarding smoking in bars, etc., and one in particular caught my eye. It has to do with the regulation of card rooms, and other forms of gambling in our state. I believe that a Gaming Commission will be instituted to regulate these activities from Sacramento. I have consulted the highest legal mind that I know and trust, for an opinion and would hope that it can be revealed in the near future. But for now, I will voice my fears, and what-ifs?, and paranoid misgivings about this, or anything that government takes over in "our behalf"?

So far, local control has some say about what it can and will allow within its jurisdiction. We summarily rejected the card room pitch that came before us in Lemon Grove a while ago. We had the power to do that, and did it with prejudice. Now, a special commission, a new layer of regulatory force, is being put in place. Will it mean that we, as local government, will have additional backing in our self determination as to the kind of community we want? Will there be stronger support by big brother to be, and continue to be, what we are? Or, will there now be a way to circumvent local authority and go end around with lobbyist blockers leading the way to decisions made at the other end of the State? Will, we one day, be forced to allow gambling to become a part of our lives, and I mean right here in our little 3.75 square miles? The effects on our infrastructure alone would be tremendous with thousands here 24 hours every day.

The flavor, the personality, the high quality of life, and yes the soul if you will, are at stake. The very reasons that we love our community and wish to preserve it for our coming generations, must proclaim loudly that we do not want gambling here.

Certainly, we need money for so many very necessary things in our city. Everything could be upgraded, corrected, or innovated if we had a larger source of income. We all have favorites in the priority lists that confront our Mayor and Councilmembers. It would be wonderful to "win the Lottery" and build a Library, a new City Hall, endow our schools, and really fix Federal Blvd. The temptation of attaining vast wealth is great to be sure. But money, especially large amounts, is fraught with dangerous consequences which can be far more detrimental than the good it brings.

One look has to look at the cities that have embraced the sirens of gambling interests. Las Vegas, Laughlin, Garden Grove and others. The undesirable elements are always locked into gambling and must be accepted and dealt with. There is no such thing as a "free lunch" and cardrooms are merely the opening in the tent that allows all other forms of gaming to enter. They promise fabulous wealth with no "cost" to the community. But in every case the costs are high in law enforcement, graft and corruption. The cost of image and way of life is what frightens me the most. If the grisly toe of gambling gets in our door, our friendly community, as we know it will begin to die. The very unique entity that we know of as Lemon Grove will be transformed in the Pottersville of "It's A Wonderful Life," and the Jimmy Stewarts and Donna Reeds will move away.

Please do not be mesmerized with the dollars that the proponents of the Card rooms dangle before your eyes. They are *not the friends* of Lemon Grove They are a highly polished and well heeled machine that has only one purpose and goal. That is to use a well located bit of real estate to attract the gambling addicts and make a lot of money in doing so. They care not about its effect on the way of life in the adjacent area. They enlist local names to give credibility to their pitch. It is probably the anticipation of personal gains that proselytizes others to their nefarious cause.

Whatever the final outcome of this new law, or its legal effects on our desire to protect our city, I hope that we remain firm in opposing gambling of any form in Lemon Grove. I would loudly echo Bruce Henderson's battle cry, "Put It On The Ballot" if it should ever be presented to our people again. I am very confident in the feeling that our true Lemon Grovans would reject it soundly. But we must be ever vigilant if we want our community to continue to exist in keeping with our desires.

PUBLIC NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
Assigned File No 97030372
The Name of the Business:
AUTO VILLA
located at: 6935 North Ave. in: Lemon Grove, CA 91945 is hereby registered by the following owner:

JAMES R. BUSWELL
4825 DEL PRADO ST.
BONITA, CA 91902

This business is conducted by: an Individual
The transaction of business began on: 11-24-97
Signature of Registrant:
JAMES R. BUSWELL
This statement was filed with Gregory J. Smith the Recorder/ County Clerk of San Diego County on NOV 24, 1997
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Dec. 18 & 25, '97. Jan. 1 & 8, '98

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 97-11010 Loan No. 3301917 Title Order No. 03060422-80 Investor/Insurer No. 2242858CA APN No.: 576-140-53-00 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 12/12/94. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. **Notice** is hereby given that **CTC Foreclosure Services Corporation**, as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by Timothy R. Wright and Dessa R. Wright, husband and wife, as Joint Tenants, dated 12/12/94 and recorded 12/19/94, as Instrument No. 1994-0720011, in Book --, Page 46,), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of San Diego County, State of California, will sell on 01/23/98 at 10:00 AM, at the South entrance to the County Courthouse, 220 West Broadway, San Diego, CA at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash or check as described below, payable in full at time of sale, all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust, in the property situated in said County and State and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1861 Sonoma Lane, Lemon Grove, CA 91945. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is $174,383.58. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept cashier's checks drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Said sale will be made, in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, advances thereunder, with interest as provided, and the unpaid principal of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust with interest thereon as provided in said Note, plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. **CTC Foreclosure Services Corporation**, 400 Countrywide Way, SV-88, Simi Valley, CA 93065, Phone (805) 520-5241. Sale Information (805) 578-6618, By: Christine Fuentes, Trustee's Sale Officer. CTC Foreclosure Services is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Dated: 12/31/97
ASAP296699 1/1, 1/8, 1/15

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A DRAFT JOINT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (CEQA) AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (NEPA) AND NOTICE OF SCOPING MEETING FOR THE JOINT WATER AGENCY NATURAL COMMUNITIES CONSERVATION PLAN (NCCP): SUBREGIONAL PLAN AND SUBAREA PLANS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the **SWEETWATER AUTHORITY AND THE U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE** will be Co-Lead Agencies and will prepare a joint draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR)/Environmental Assessment (EA) in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for the

JOINT WATER AGENCY NATURAL COMMUNITIES CONSERVATION PLAN (NCCP): SUBREGIONAL PLAN and SUBAREA PLANS

The Joint Water Agency (JWA) NCCP Subregional Plan and Subarea Plans comprehensively address how participating water agencies in San Diego County will manage their lands to conserve natural habitats and species while continuing to provide their mandated water services to the public. The combination of the JWA Subregional Plan and a Subarea Plan shall serve as a Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA) in 1982. The Subregional Plan and a Subarea Plan also fulfills the requirements for issuance of a Management Authorization under Section 2835 of the California Natural Community Conservation Plan Act, Section 2081 of the Public Resources Code, California Native Plant Protection Act (California Fish and Game Code §1900, et seq.), and the Migratory Bird Act. At this time the JWA Plan includes Subarea Plans prepared by:

1. Helix Water District;
2. Padre Dam Municipal Water District;
3. Santa Fe Irrigation District; and
4. Sweetwater Authority

Lands owned by the water agencies support a large number of sensitive wildlife species, including many species proposed for coverage by the City of San Diego Multiple Species Conservation Plan (MSCP) and the North County Multiple Habitat Conservation Program (MHCP). Some lands also support regionally significant populations of sensitive plant species, habitats and vegetation communities, including vernal pools, riparian woodlands, mountain meadows, and coastal sage scrub. Moreover, water agency lands often occupy valleys and stream courses that may serve as important wildlife movement corridors or habitat linkages. Lands owned by the water agencies form some of the most important biological core areas and habitat linkages remaining in the San Diego region.

Based on an Initial Study, it appears that the project may have potential, though mitigable, significant environmental impacts.

For more information, or to provide comments on the scope and content of the draft EIR/EA, contact Mr. Larry Campbell, Senior Right-of-Way Agent, Helix Water District, 7811 University Avenue, La Mesa, CA 91944, (619) 466-0585.

Written comments on the scope and content of the draft joint EIR/EA must be sent to Larry Campbell at the aforementioned address by no later than 30 days after publication of this notice.

A PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act and the National Environmental Policy Act will be conducted by the **HELIX WATER DISTRICT** at the time and place listed below:

TIME: 2:00 p.m.
DAY: Wednesday
DATE: January 21, 1998
PLACE: Board of Directors Meeting Room
7811 University Avenue
La Mesa, CA 91944

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January 8, 1998

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
Assigned File No 97032682
The Name of the Business:
NUTRITION TO EXTREME
located at: 1835 E. Main St., #125 in: El Cajon, CA 92021 is hereby registered by the following owner:

THOMAS ENGLISH
1835 E. MAIN ST., #125
EL CAJON, CA 92021

This business is conducted by: an Individual
The transaction of business began on: 12-17-97
Signature of Registrant:
THOMAS ENGLISH
This statement was filed with Gregory J. Smith the Recorder/ County Clerk of San Diego County on DEC 23, 1997
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Jan. 8, 15, 22 & 29, 1998

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S No. 97-24606-01V LOAN NO. 12398566 On 1/29/98 at 10:00 AM, GE Capital Mortgage Trust Deed Services, Inc. as Trustee or Successor Trustee or Substituted Trustee, of that Certain Deed of Trust executed by BARRY EDWARD WARREN AND KATHLEEN K. WARREN, Husband and Wife as joint tenants and recorded 8/31/94 as instrument no. 1994-0523575, Official Records of SAN DIEGO County, California, and pursuant to that certain Notice of Default and Election to Sell thereunder recorded 8/29/97 as instrument no. 1997-421007, of Official Records of said County, will under and pursuant to said Deed of Trust sell at public auction for cash, lawful money of the United States of America, AT THE SOUTH ENTRANCE TO THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 220 WEST BROADWAY, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, all that right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State. Assessors Parcel No. 576-261-22-00. The street address or other common designation of said property: 1616 PRIMERA STREET, LEMON GROVE, CA 91945. Name and address of the beneficiary at whose request the sale is being conducted: GE Capital Mortgage Services, Inc. c/o GE Capital Mortgage Trust Deed Services, Inc. (909) 880-4789. 4680 Hallmark Parkway, San Bernardino, CA 92407-1863. Directions to the above property may be obtained by requesting same in writing from the beneficiary within 10 days from the first publication of this notice. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, as to title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the unpaid balance due on the note secured by said Deed of Trust to wit: $112,408.55 plus the following estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Sale: $15,102.75. GE Capital Mortgage Trust Deed Services, Inc. IS ACTING IN THE FUNCTION OF A DEBT COLLECTOR. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED August 18, 1994. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. DATED: December 02, 1997. GE Capital Mortgage Trust Deed Services, Inc., as trustee. Sharon L. Barrios, Assistant Secretary. For information about the status of this trustee's sale call (916) 387-7728. For information about purchasing this property AFTER FORECLOSURE, contact: The Local Federal Housing Authority or Veterans Administration Office. ASAP295725 1/8, 1/15, 1/22

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In accordance with Sections 3071 and 3072 of the Civil Code of the State of California the following vehicle will be sold at public auction to satisfy the lien at 9:00 a.m. on January 20, 1998. The sale will take place at 584 N. Johnson Ave., El Cajon, CA 92020

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
Assigned File No 98000284
The Name of the Business:
1ST CYBER COMMUNICATION
located at: 6790 Top Gun Street, Ste. 1 in: San Diego, CA 92121 is hereby registered by the following owners:

DAVID ANTHONY FERRELL
4878 ORCHARD AVE.
SAN DIEGO, CA 92107

RICK LONG
6790 TOP GUN ST., STE. 1
SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

DALE W. LONG
14596 RANCH TRAIL DR.
EL CAJON, CA 92021

M. JUNE LONG
14596 RANCH TRAIL DR.
EL CAJON, CA 92021

This business is conducted by: a General Partnership
The transaction of business began on: Not applicable
Signature of Registrant:
JUNE LONG
This statement was filed with Gregory J. Smith the Recorder/ County Clerk of San Diego County on JAN 05, 1998
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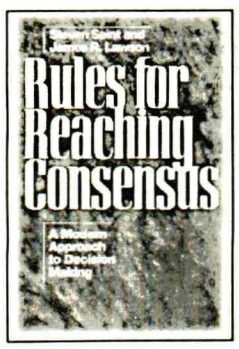

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'Wag the Dog' starts year out right

by Betty Jo Tucker

Abraham Lincoln once said, "You can fool some of the people all of the time and all of the people some of the time, but you can't fool all of the people all of the time." Obviously, Honest Abe never met anyone like Conrad Brean — a master political strategist who manipulates the American electorate in New Line Cinema's creative new comedy, "Wag the Dog."

Played confidently by Robert De Niro, this mysterious spin doctor takes over the President's campaign for re-election when the Chief Executive becomes involved in a scandal that could ruin his chances for a second term. Brean recruits Stanley Motss, a famous Hollywood producer (Dustin Hoffman) to manufacture a war that will take attention away from the scandal. And what a war he delivers! With the help of special effects, computerized images, t.v. news bulletins, patriotic songs, and imaginary heroes, Motss manages to save the day. But what does a successful film producer want more than money? That's right — recognition. And Motss can't let anyone know about his great accomplishment. Or can he? As the spoiled Hollywood producer, Hoffman delivers another incredible performance. During one unforgettable scene, we actually feel the producer's frustration when the President insists that a white cat be used instead of a calico cat in the initial fake war footage. "I just hate it when they meddle," complains Motss to one of his technical aides.

(From left) Dustin Hoffman, Anne Heche and Robert DeNiro star in New Line Cinema's comedy, "Wag The Dog."

While this film works remarkably well most of the time, scenes with Woody Harrelson as a convict selected to impersonate a war hero belong in another movie ("Con Air?"). Also, Anne Heche ("Volcano") mumbles some of her lines as a presidential assistant. On the other hand, Willie Nelson shines as songmeister Johnny Green. Wait till you see him compose a stirring war song with lyrics that rhyme with Albania! And the star pairing of De Niro and Hoffman is casting perfection.

"Wag the Dog," a bitingly funny satire of politics, the media, and show business, starts the new year out right for mature moviegoers.

Organ workshop scheduled

Lemon Grove Lutheran Church will sponsor a piano and organ workshop led by Richard and Evelyn Van Auken, a husband and wife organist and pianist from Pennsylvania. The workshop will take place from 9 a.m. - noon on Jan. 17. The Van Aukens will also perform a concert at 4 p.m. on Jan. 18. Both events will take place at the church, 2055 Skyline Dr. in Lemon Grove.

There is a $10 registration fee for the three-hour workshop and participants will receive an instructional booklet at the door.

Registration is requested by Jan. 10 and should be sent to June Mott, 2885 New Jersey Ave., Lemon Grove, CA 91945.

Long-standing church musicians and performers, Richard Van Auken teaches music at the Moravian College in Pennsylvania. Evelyn Van Auken is the Director of Music for the Anglican Catholic Church of the Incarnation in Quakertown, Pa. They have presented music workshops at various locations throughout the United States.

East County dancers perform

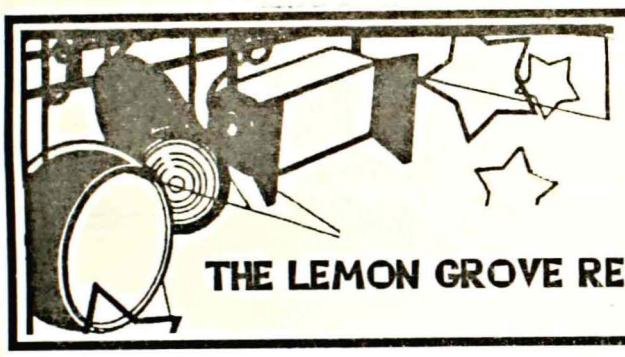
East County dancers will be participating in the Nations of San Diego International Dance Festival taking place today through Sunday and Jan. 15 - 18 at the Lyceum Theatre, 79 Horton Plaza in downtown San Diego. Performances are at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and on Jan. 15 through 17. Performances will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday and on Jan. 18.

Beneranda Calderon of El Cajon will direct the Ballet Folklorico Fiesta de Colores, the resident folklorico company of San Diego State University. The group will perform a suite of dances from Sinaloa and Jalisco. The dances include a rendition of the Jaribe Tapatia, or the Mexican hat dance.

Sriyani de Silva from the College Grove area will be performing a dance from Sri Lanka. De Silva is a graduate of the College of Dance and Music in Colombo, Sri Lanka and her specialty is Kandyan Dancing, the classical dance form of Sri Lanka.

Ninah Sahar from Lakeside will direction the Blue Lotus Dance Company. Sahar will be joined by her full company performing dances from Algeria, Egypt and Morocco.

Tickets are $13 - $18. Group discounts also will be available. For tickets call 544-1000.



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